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cloud had passed by and the Moon was dark. The comet was further west than I expected. It was a good deal larger than I expected and of a milky color, but quite bright, and the tail streamed out for a long distance and was very beautiful. It seemed like a great horse's tail streaming out. The comet seemed to travel very fast. In my excitement I forgot all about the time, but was wishing all the time I had someone with me who understood more about it.

It was a beautiful sight. The sky up high was perfectly clear, but low down great banks of fog were rolling. I watched the comet until it dove into the fog bank to the west and was gone, but the tail shone out for quite a while.

I went to bed, slept good, and started home at 7 A. M. I had a hard time going down on the snow, as it was frozen so hard, but I got to the power plant (10 miles from town) at 2 o'clock. My wife had sent a team for me and I was in Lone Pine at 4:30. I made the trip in good shape and alone, which I will admit was foolish, but all who had promised to go with me backed out. I was well repaid for my trip, but wished some one had been with me to enjoy it.

Yours truly,

G. F. MARSH.

APPOINTMENTS IN THE LICK OBSERVATORY.

Mr. R. F. SANFORD has been appointed Assistant at the D. O. Mills Station of the Lick Observatory at Santiago, Chile. Mr. SANFORD was formerly an Assistant in the Lick Observatory, resigning in 1905 to take a position in the Carnegie Institution Expedition to San Luis, Argentina, under Professor R. H. TUCKER.

Dr. R. E. WILSON and Mr. R. S. SHEPPARD have been appointed Assistants in the Lick Observatory, the appointments dating from July 1, 1911. Dr. WILSON's graduate studies in Astronomy were pursued at the University of Virginia, and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy was conferred upon him in June, 1911. The subject of his thesis was "New Positions of the Stars in the *Huyghenian* Region of the Great Nebula in *Orion*." Mr. SHEPPARD received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Toronto with the class of 1911.

R. G. AITKEN.

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